

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 were pending and under consideration in the above-identified application.

In the office action of March 16, 2007, claims 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were rejected. However, claims 2, 5 and 7 were only objected to, but were deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

With this Amendment, claims 1, 4, and 6 are amended, claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 are cancelled, and claims 8 -10 are added. Accordingly, claims 1, 4, 6, and 8-10 are at issue.

Regarding the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 5, and 7, independent claims 1, 4, and 6, have been amended to incorporate their subject matter respectively. Accordingly, claims 1, 4, and 6 are now allowable, as are the claims depending therefrom. New claims 8-10 include similar recitations of the allowable subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to respond to future objections.

I. Objection To Claims

Claim 6 was amended to accommodate the examiner's requests.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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